



Who am I: Where did I come from?

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In the last article, we agreed there was a need for love to live together peacefully.

We talked about love being based on attraction, affection and assurance, the three basic emotional needs of human beings. Because we are self-centered life forms, this love comes from within ourselves. Since love is self-based, it forces others to fulfill our emotional needs.

Sounds like a one-way proposition doesn't it? It is. If love is pointed inward, how can we help others?

Let us turn the equation of love being based on attraction, affection and assurance around, defining it instead as attraction, affection and assurance being based on love. Now we are indicating that proper love that is beneficial must come from an outside source; not from humans, but from someone superhuman or supernatural.

Supernatural simply means something or someone that is above or outside the natural realm, or spiritual. So, to find proper and beneficial love, we must take a spiritual focus.

A spiritual focus involves the truth that the real person is the substance inside the physical body we call the soul or spirit: The natural person (physical body) and the spiritual person (soul/spirit), if you will.

To deny this coexistence is foolish. As we said previously, the soul is the heart of our emotions, desires and will, and the physical body is needed only to manifest these entities.

The spiritual focus involves a further truth: When the body ceases to exist, the soul continues to live.

With this spiritual focus, we can begin our search for this outside source of love. We must begin, though, by answering the three basic questions that all people have: Where did I come from? What is my purpose? Where am I going after my body dies?

Let us start with the first question: Where did we come from? The scientific answer is evolution from lesser life forms. This is a natural focus, because this theory does not explain the real us: the soul.

The soul has no race, color, nationality or even gender; these qualities pertain to the body. Since we are now spiritually focused in our search for love, macroevolution is not a workable answer to the outside source of love.

With natural theories for creation discarded, we must spiritually look to an intelligent supernatural creator. Simply observing the beauty, design and complexity of the earth in which we live implies intelligence. Intelligence implies a personality, and personality implies personage.

So can we now agree that there is a supernatural person responsible for creating everything, including humans? Sure we can, and this person is a spirit we call God. Further, the basic definition of a god is a being who is supreme.


Supreme has the meaning of being over and above all; thus, if this God created everything, then He is the one and only God, over and above all.

As far as God creating us, all we have to do is to look back at our lineage and we will find that all humans evolved from the first-created man and woman. Yes, there is such a thing as evolution, but living things can only evolve from life forms of the same kind: dogs from dogs, horses from horses, and humans from humans.

Has there been given enough basic evidence in this article as to the creation of human life and that creation came through a divine creator? If so, then we are created human beings and have answered our first question: Where did I come from?

With these facts, it appears we are getting closer in our search for proper love and its outside source. But we still need to answer the last two questions: What is my purpose, and where am I going?

The question of our purpose on earth will be the theme of the next issue's article. Return to the next issue of The Southern Ute Drum and we will continue our search for proper love. Until then, I wish you a merry and safe Christmas.



You're Invited

Nuruvu' 'aaghai

"Forever Young"

Who:

Tribal Elders

What:

Brunch and discussion about future Elder's exercise class

When:

January 10th, 2012 at 11:00 am

Where:

Multi-Purpose facility

Contact:

Amber or Maria

970-563-0214 Ext: 2658

FREE Upcoming Indian Child Welfare Act Workshop

The Indian Child Welfare Act: Basics & Best Practices
January 20, 2012, 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Facility
258 Ute Rd., Ignacio, CO 81137

Please join the Denver Indian Family Resource Center, Southern Ute Tribal Social Services, Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, and the Child Welfare Division, Colorado Department of Human Services at our upcoming comprehensive ICWA workshop designed specifically for case workers, judicial staff and service providers who work with the American Indian community.

Topics addressed will include:

- 'Indian 101': Outlining the historical and contemporary context of Native families and key concept for understanding ICWA
- Basics of the Indian Child Welfare Act and ICWA's interface with the Colorado Children's Code
- Practice in the spirit of ICWA: Demonstrating active efforts and engaging families

This training is FREE of charge. Lunch is provided. For registration, please visit www.cdhsacademy.com to create an account. For more registration information, please contact Joann Kanost 303-866-7174. For lodging call 1-800-876-7017, reference DIFRC block.

COED Indoor Soccer

High school players and up

5v5 indoor soccer (2 females must be on court at all times)

Season begins Jan. 19 and games will be played Monday and Thursday nights at the Bayfield old Middle School, 110 E., South St.

\$250 per team (due by Captain's meeting), late registration is \$300 (Jan. 13)

High School teams \$200 with ID's

Captain's meeting: Wednesday, Jan. 11, 6 p.m. at the Bayfield old Middle School

For more info, contact Ryan at 970-884-9544 ext. 109 or email: rorendorff@bayfieldgov.org or visit our website: <http://www.bayfieldgov.org/services/recreation/index.asp>



SKY UTE CASINO RESORT

New Year's Eve Dinner & Party

TO THE MUSIC OF RALPH DINOSAUR

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31

Be sure to join Sky Ute Casino and Ralph Dinosaur as we usher out 2011 and ring in 2012 at our New Year's Eve Dinner & Dance Party in the Event's Center. Tickets for dinner and the dance are \$30 for singles and \$50 for couples. Hors d'Oeuvres will be served from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. and dinner will be served from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. Jonas Grushkin will provide entertainment from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. The party gets started at 9 p.m. when Ralph Dinosaur takes the stage! Anyone wishing to purchase tickets to just the dance may do so for \$15 per person. Party favors and a champagne toast at Midnight are included in the price of all tickets! A cash bar will also be available. Tickets can be purchased online at www.skyutecasino.com or by visiting the Sky Ute Casino Gift Shop.



Must be 21 or older or be accompanied by an adult to enter. Management reserves the right to change or cancel this event at any time without prior notice.



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\$112,000

New Year Extravaganza

Sky Ute Casino wants to start 2012 off with a bang so we are giving away \$112,000 in cash and Sky Ute Loot throughout the month of January!

New Year's Eve Kickoff

\$200 Sky Ute Loot drawings from 3:30 p.m. until 11:30 p.m. every 15 minutes (excluding the top of the hour).

\$500 CASH drawings every hour on the hour from 4:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m.




\$11,000 CASH drawing at 11:45 p.m. (all previous Sky Ute Loot and cash winners will be eligible for 11:45 p.m. drawing).

Spin the Wheel Kiosk Game

All Bear Club members can swipe their card at the kiosk and play the \$112,000 New Year Extravaganza game once per week on Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday from 12 p.m. until 9 p.m. Prizes range from entry tickets into the Saturday cash drawings up to \$100 in Sky Ute Loot!

Saturday Cash Drawings

Every Saturday in January we will hold hourly drawings from 5 p.m. until 9 p.m. and you could win your share of the \$52,000 in CASH to be given away!



Must be 21 years of age or older. Must be a member of the Bear Club. Must check in at the kiosk on New Year's Eve as well as on Saturday's for drawings. Sky Ute Loot must be played off into Sky Ute Loot eligible slot machines and has no cash value. Must be present to win. Employees of Sky Ute Casino and their immediate family are not eligible for cash drawings. Management reserves the right to change or cancel this promotion at anytime without prior notice.



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